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Chromosome Mapping and Vision Statements

At the brink of the new century, just weeks before the start of the Church's Jubilee in honor of the second millennial anniversary of the birth of Christ, an international team of researchers announced it had decoded the genes that make up the DNA of chromosome 22.

The information is housed in the 33.5 million chemical components found and mapped on just one of the 23 human chromosome pairs. Scientific breakthroughs such as this one remind me of what a marvel God's creation truly is. These infinitesimal bits of information, housed deep within even a human zygote, determine much of what we will become.

What a wonder.

At Merrimack, we have a special kinship to genetic research. The father of genetics, Gregor Mendel, was an Augustinian scholar. Mendel, a monk and a high school science teacher, cross-pollinated plants by the thousands to prove his theory of inheritance.

The legacy we've inherited from Mendel reaches beyond even gene theory. He performed his work "for the fun of it," saying the scientific theories "forced themselves upon notice." When our work delights us, great things can come of it.

Genetics tells us who, at the most basic biochemical level, we are. Among the genes found on Chromosome 22 were those responsible for congenital heart disease, schizophrenia, mental retardation, birth defects, and several cancers, including leukemia. The insights gained could mean major advances in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

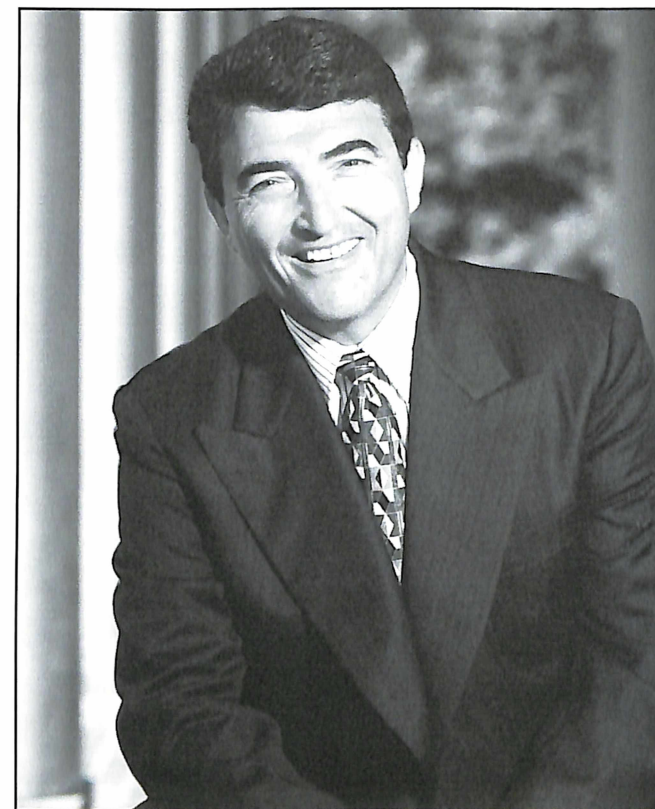
Biochemically or spiritually, knowing who you are can ease your way through this world. Over the past several years, we've worked hard to determine what it means to be Merrimack College: in short, Merrimack is a pre-eminent Catholic college of the liberal arts and

the professions, founded in the Augustinian tradition. A strong identity, as articulated in our Vision Statement, is not unlike the DNA maps of chromosome 22. Knowing who we are helps us to successfully navigate the challenges and opportunities we face each day.

As a part of the greater community of Catholic colleges and universities in the United States, we have been presented with just such a challenge. In response to Pope John Paul II's 1990 decree, "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," American bishops have drafted new standards for Catholic higher education; their proposal has been delivered to the Pope for his approval.

While Ex Corde recognizes institutional autonomy and academic freedom, legitimate concerns over its implementation exist. I've been meeting with Cardinal Bernard Law and presidents of other Catholic colleges and universities for several years in anticipation of this doctrine, and am confident we can forge a way of working together for the ultimate goals of truth and common good.

Merrimack's identity as a Catholic institution is strong. Our longstanding commitment to service through Alternative Spring Break and Merrimaction, the newly created Center for Augustinian Studies, a vice-presidential position devoted exclusively to mission effectiveness, and the outstanding work of Campus Ministry are only the most outward and visible signs of a religiosity that permeates everything we do. Being Catholic has always been a dominant characteristic around here — it distinguishes us from the hundreds of



Richard J. Santagati

David Oxtan photo

other small colleges we compete with. We go beyond complying with doctrine, we celebrate our Catholicism.

Our self knowledge helps us capitalize on opportunity, as well. As a pre-eminent college of the liberal arts and professions, Merrimack is proud to create The Francis Girard School of Business. Thanks to a very generous gift from Mr. Girard, a class of 1962 graduate, we've been able to elevate the business division to a full-fledged school, thereby raising the standard for excellence in teaching and learning for business professionals at Merrimack. Excellence in teaching and learning throughout our small college is our goal, and we will not accept any less.

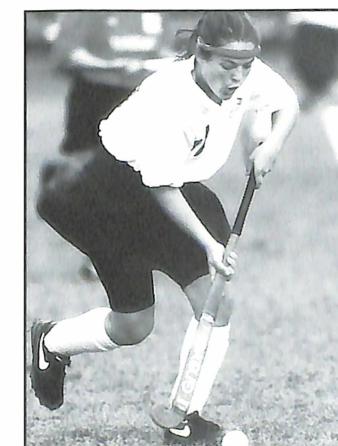
In closing, I'll tell you a small secret: I am as delighted to work each day at Merrimack as Mendel was to putter in his 19th century pea garden in Austria. Our students possess the finest minds and hearts of any community of scholars, and will grow strong and tall in the proud tradition of Catholic and Augustinian scholars.



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Biochemist Is a Warrior in the Battle Against Cancer

by David Rattigan

In her eighth-grade yearbook, Josephine Modica explained why she wanted to be a biochemist: She was going to cure cancer.

As an adult, she's working on it.

For more than 10 years, Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano has worked on a research project to determine the differences between mitochondria - the small energy-producing compartments inside human cells - in healthy cells and certain types of cancer cells.

"Cells need energy, and this is where the energy is produced," says Napolitano, an associate professor in the biology department. In studying the differences in the mitochondria, she hopes to develop a better understanding of the makeup of cancer cells, which could lead to a better treatment.

"If we find a fundamental difference between the mitochondria of normal cells and cancer cells, we can synthesize a drug specifically targeted for that molecule inside the cancer cell," says Napolitano, who draws on the war analogy of fighting disease, comparing the concept of drugs that can target the diseased cells without damaging those around it to a smart bomb that can hit a pinpoint target while doing minimal damage to the surrounding region.

That is not the case with traditional cancer treatments such as radiation therapy or chemotherapy.

"You end up not only killing the cancer cells but killing normal, healthy cells as well," she says. "That's why there are side effects that limit treatment. People end up getting sick because (the therapies) are also affecting healthy tissue."

In her research thus far, Napolitano has studied cells of common cancers

such as of the skin, lung, breast, colon, and prostate. She has found differences in the mitochondria of cancer cells compared to normal, healthy cells.

"We know the differences at the gross levels," she says. "What we're trying to do is refine it and pinpoint that molecular difference. Then (science) can create a therapy that will target that molecular difference."

Originally her doctoral thesis at Tufts, the project has been funded by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, which awarded it a three-year, \$75,000 grant in 1998, as part of a program that funds research

during the academic year, and can be much more productive because they already have the basics. All these students are applying either to graduate school or medical school. They need a competitive edge, and this research gives them that. The intent is that they'll come up with publishable data."

"It is a really, really good project," says Chilingh Nguyen, a senior biochemistry major who is one of the researchers. "My goal is to get into medical school, but if I don't, this is what I'll do, research in cancer."

A frustrating reality of science is that research can be an agonizingly slow

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projects at similarly sized colleges.

Last summer, five Merrimack students (one of whom was supported by a Presidential Scholarship) joined the project as paid researchers in a full-time, 10-week project. Some of their data will be used in publication of the work, and all five have continued the research as the foundation for their senior research thesis. In January, Napolitano presented work she developed with student Sue Ellen Touma at the Keystone Conference on Mitochondrial Dysfunction in Pathogens, held in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"There's a real benefit for them," Napolitano says. "For 10 weeks, I'm with them one-on-one, and am able to teach them the techniques they need to learn to get started on their projects. Then they work under my supervision

process. Answers to some questions often lead to 10 more questions. Hopeful news about research breakthroughs are often followed by setbacks months or even years later. Nonetheless, Napolitano remains optimistic about science's quest for better medicine.

"Already, certain cancers such as childhood leukemias are very treatable, but for some others, like pancreatic cancer, hardly anything can help," she says. "In the next 50 years, I believe we'll find better ways of treating, inhibiting the growth, or preventing most forms of cancer."

Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano, associate professor of biology, fights the war against cancer with a microscope.

Girard School Means Business

Big changes are in store for Merrimack's business division, thanks in large part to a \$2.5 million gift from an alumnus. Most noticeably, Merrimack's business programs will now have a school of their own: The Francis E. Girard School of Business and International Commerce.

More than just the name is changing. Ushering in the 21st century is a whole new way of teaching business at Merrimack College.

The Girard gift finances a number of projects aimed at enhancing college facilities and even its faculty: included in the package are the Francis E. Girard Endowed Chair in International Business; a business education resource center, including fellowships; a "Girard Auditorium," a larger version of Merrimack's smart classrooms; an endowment for the international business program; and the infrastructure for both internet and intranet.

The focus on international business is a happy convergence of both Girard's interest (over 70 percent of his business is overseas) and new business paradigms that require graduates to work in an international environment.

"Any business that has a web page is an international business," said Thomas Dukes, Dean of the Girard School.

Dukes is particularly enthused by the establishment of the endowed chair in international business.

He said the college will be looking for a teacher and a scholar who has developed or is developing international prominence, someone who will be able to mentor faculty as well as serve students.

"I want someone who's hungry," he said. "Someone who's ready to do great

stuff, who will do great stuff here at Merrimack. I don't know how you put that in an ad."

Dukes will also have the opportunity to fill another new chair, endowed by Robert J. Fabbriatore, chairman and chief executive officer of CTC Communications Group, Inc., in Waltham. The Fabbriatore chair is in the field of entrepreneurship. Along with the Ciejek Chair, endowed professorships in business now number three.

For the professors, perhaps the best result of the Girard gift is the increased number of smart classrooms. "It's changed the way I teach," said Patricia Sendall, associate professor of manage-



Gina Vega

ment. "We have so many tools at our fingertips now."

Describing herself as a "high-tech geek", Sendall said she's used the classrooms from the day they were installed. This semester, for example, Sendall teaches a course in database management systems. "It can be bor-

ing," she admits, "although I hope the way I teach it isn't boring."

The night before class, she'll work up a presentation at home on her laptop. Come class time, she'll plug in to the console, and pop seamlessly between her lecture notes and any number of websites. "I can show students websites that supplement their textbooks."

Also available for use in the smart classrooms are a document camera that will project any object, in three dimensions, on the classroom screen; DVD, CD-ROM, and VCR players; and a smart board, the digital version of the old-style black board which allows notes to be stored on disc before they're erased. Sendall points out that students are encouraged to use the equipment for their own presentations, preparing them for life in the high-tech world outside Merrimack.

"I don't know many small schools that have these things," she said. "It really gives us a competitive edge with students. And the students love the classrooms."

Taken together, the classroom enhancements, the increased support for quality teaching, and the refinements to the program undertaken by the faculty as part of its reach for AACSB accreditation are having a huge effect on both how business is taught and how the world looks at Merrimack's program.

"I'm so delighted," said Gina Vega, assistant professor of management. "It's making a tremendous psychological difference."

Vega said that, although the change from a business division to a business school is really only semantic, being part of the Girard School does give Merrimack a different status among its



Patricia Sendall at work in one of Merrimack's smart classrooms. At her fingertips is control of a wide array of media. Students, she says, love to learn in this environment.

Businessman Girard Gives Back — And Finds You Can Get Satisfaction

He never imagined how much satisfaction he'd find in giving Merrimack \$2.5 million dollars, says Francis E. Girard '62.

"It was time to give something back," he says. "I met Dick (President Santagati) over a year ago, and he told me all the great things that were happening at the college."

Girard agreed to join the President's Council. "The more I got involved with Merrimack, the more interested I became," he says. As he looked at the possibilities for making a large gift, endowing a faculty chair, funding a smart classroom, and so forth, he saw that a gift of \$2.5 million would give the college nearly everything the business division would need in its effort to win accreditation from the International Association for Management Education as one of the best small business schools in the nation.

"I shared the loyalty award at commencement, but felt I hadn't done much over the years. I was on a fast track, and there was no time to do it," he says. Girard is the CEO of Converse Network systems, a subsidiary of Converse Technology. The Standard and Poor's 500 company supplies the hardware and programs that run many of the nation's cellular and digital telephone networks.

Girard explains that at first, he was a bit uncomfortable with the publicity the gift, the largest alumni contribution to the college in its history, has generated.

One evening soon after he made the gift, however, he was on his way home, listening to the news on the radio. "And I heard them say, 'Brought to you by the Francis E. Girard School of Business and International Commerce at Merrimack College.' I nearly drove off the road!"

He hopes that others, seeing his example, will be inspired to increase their support of the college, as well.

"I'm honored to have the school named after me," he says quietly. "I really am."



Francis E. Girard '62



Kevin Salem photo

Thomas Dukes, dean of the Girard School

peers. Being called a school suggests a certain formality, structure, and commitment that being a division doesn't, she said.

Sendall echoed her sentiment, saying "When we go out there to conferences, the name gives us a certain status. The perception of us changes."

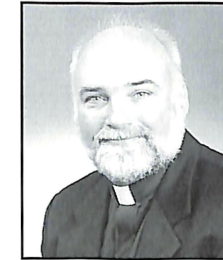
In many ways, the change to a business school is the culmination of the work that's been done over the past few years preparing for the accreditation.

"We've been doing self-studies, we're working on such interesting research, we've got the business advisory council, the executive lecture series; there is so much going on here," she said.

And, according to President Santagati, we haven't finished riding the wave yet. In the drive to position Merrimack College as the pre-eminent small Catholic college in the Northeast, the recent improvements at the Girard School are only the beginning.

McCloskey Appointed Academic V.P.

Rev. Gary N. McCloskey, O.S.A., has been appointed vice president of academic affairs. From 1990 to 1991,



Rev. Dr. Gary N. McCloskey, O.S.A.

McCloskey was the assistant to the president for urban affairs at Merrimack. Since that time, he has been at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla., serving in a number of roles, including Vice President for Academic Affairs since 1994.

McCloskey brings a thorough knowledge of liberal arts education, proven skills in planning and curriculum development, a commitment to Catholic higher education, a solid understanding of the use of computer technology for educational enhancement, and talents not only as an academic leader but also as a teacher and a scholar.

McCloskey received a bachelor's degree from Villanova University, a master's in theology from Catholic University of America and another in computers in education from the Teachers College of Columbia University, and a doctorate in instructional leadership from the University of Miami in Florida.

Accept the Challenge Hosts Senator Kerry

Students from Accept the Challenge, the college's partnership with Lawrence High School, met with Senator John Kerry in the fall.

Since 1986, 36 Lawrence High School students have received full scholarships through Accept the Challenge. Each year, 35 to 40 academically promising, economically disadvantaged students are offered tutoring, mentoring, and other services aimed at preparing them for college.

The program helps students stay in school, go on to college, and become leaders.



Among the offerings this season at the Rogers Center for the Arts is the Mystical Arts of Tibet, a show endorsed by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as a means of promoting world peace and healing and also for raising international awareness of the endangered Tibetan civilization.

Rogers Center Inaugural Season Sparkles with Excitement

The long anticipated opening of the Rogers Center for the Arts met all expectations, and its first season of world-class entertainment for all ages has already begun. Among its offerings are the Mandala Folk Ensemble, a company of dancers and musicians performing international folk dance, music, and song; the Mystical Arts of Tibet, sacred music and dance performed by the monks of Drepung Loseling, one of Tibet's most prestigious monasteries; pianist Eleanore Perrone; the On-Stagers performance of *Guys and Dolls*; Livingston Taylor; and the New England Civic Ballet performing *Sleeping Beauty*.

Merrimack students can, with a valid I.D., obtain two tickets for any event for \$5, as available thirty minutes before show time. Alumni, parents, and friends may call the box office for tickets at (978) 837-5355, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Peter Waldron of Haverhill has been appointed director of arts programming for the Rogers Center for the Arts. As such, Waldron will manage programming for the center, advance the arts within the college's curriculum, and work with area arts groups to bring diverse events and performances to Merrimack.

Previously a professor of theater at Bradford College, Waldron received an MFA in Theater Design from New York University and a BFA in Scene Design and Technical Production from the University of Texas at Austin. At Bradford, he also chaired the Creative Arts Division, managed the theater, and served as resident designer and technical director.

Waldron serves as chairman of the Haverhill Arts Commission, as president of Community Meals, Inc., in Haverhill, and on the board of directors for the Pentucket Arts Center.

BSU Hosts Dancers: From Salsa to Flamenco

Just as the air began to get cool last fall, the music and the dancing got hot. Hispanic Cultural Night, sponsored by Brothers and Sisters United, brought salsa dancers Sandra Suarez and Ralfi Rodriguez to campus, along with members of the Latin Ballet Academy, who performed a number of folk dances from around the Caribbean.

Caribbean food from Areito's Restaraunt and appetizers from the Dominicana Bakery, both in Lawrence, rounded out the celebration.

Tambakos Film Collection To Enrich Arts on Campus

Tony Award-winning playwright/actor George Furth of Hollywood made a gift of his extensive film collection to the college in memory of his friend and colleague Demmy (Peter) Tambakos '74. Furth provided a \$100,000 endowment for the collection, as well.

The collection contains more than 500 Academy Award-nominated films on laser disc. Many of the films will be shown on the college's closed-circuit television station, Channel 10.

At the time of his accidental death, Tambakos was an aspiring screenwriter.

Furth's career in Hollywood and on Broadway has earned him two Tony awards. Together with Stephen Sondheim, he wrote the musicals *Company* and *Merrily We Roll Along*.

It's a Job-Hunters' Safari

The Career Services and Cooperative Education Department cooked up a week-long schedule of events for students looking beyond graduation. Merrimack alumni got into the act, too, with the always popular Career Networking Night.

Students were able to attend seminars such as "Major in Success: Choosing a Major," sponsored by the Study Center; and "Getting into Graduate School."

Midway through the week, more than 150 alumni representing over 35 professions were on hand to talk with students as well as to make connections with each other at Career Networking Night. Each year, as part of the same program, the Alumni Office publishes a directory of graduates interested in making professional connections with other graduates and students. This year's book, distributed at Networking Night, includes more than 1000 names. For more information, please call John Obert '66 at (978) 837-5106 or e-mail him at jobert@merrimack.edu.

Capping the week was the annual Fall Career Fair. Representatives from more than 50 companies were on hand to discuss employment opportunities with students.



Members of the Friends of Merrimack Board of Directors include (front row, left to right) Joyce Campo, Maria Rosati, Joyce Daher Belko, Linda Arvanitis, Diane Coletta, Carmela Catuli, Maureen Imielkowski, (rear, left to right) Terry Schiavone, Mark Ford, George Schruender, Jay Doherty, Carol Poor, Jim Doherty, Larry Ardito, Bill Buck, Nancy Norbedo, Cle Jackson, and Fran Ferrara. Next to Fran is Richard Reming, executive director of the Friends of Merrimack.

Friends of Merrimack Membership Increases; Date is Set for President's Cup Tourney

Thanks to a push initiated by its board of directors, Friends of Merrimack membership has grown by 25%. More than 100 new members have joined, bringing the total number to nearly 500.

The Friends, a group of volunteers dedicated to raising money for scholarship support for Merrimack students, has also increased the number of people on its board. New members are Linda Arvanitis, William Buck, Evelyn Burke, Joyce Campo, Diane Coletta, Claudia Fanaras, Fran Ferrara, Maureen Imielkowski, Cleoetha Jackson, Br. Thomas Long, Joseph Parolisi, Alfred Romano, Terrance Schiavone, and Richard Stanley.

Last year, the group raised \$107,000 from membership dues, the President's Cup Golf Tournament, and other events. Scholarships were awarded to 130 Merrimack students. The Friends endowment fund now totals more than \$2 million.

This year's President's Cup will be held Monday, June 5, 2000, at the Indian Ridge Country Club. For more information, call Richard Reming, executive director of the Friends of Merrimack at (978) 837-5117, or e-mail rreming@merrimack.edu.

Fabbricatore Chair in Entrepreneurship Endowed

An endowed chair aimed at attracting stand-out faculty in entrepreneurship has been named in honor of its benefactor, Robert J. Fabbriatore.

Fabbriatore, Chairman and CEO of CTC Communications Group, Inc. in Waltham, Mass., committed \$1 million to fund the chair.

"The Fabbriatore Chair in Entrepreneurship will play a critical role in helping the Girard School reach its goal of continuous improvement which is essential to attract the brightest students and top-notch faculty," said Dr. Thomas Dukes, Dean of Business Administration.

Can You Wear Pajamas to Work?

Turn in those loafers for fuzzy slippers, commuters. Many futurists predict the next business trend will keep employees home. Work on the ins and outs of telecommuting is going on now in Merrimack's marketing department.

Dr. Gina Vega and Dr. Louis Brennan have been awarded a research grant from Pricewaterhouse Coopers Endowment for the Business of Government to study telecommuting. Vega is an assistant professor of management at Merrimack; Brennan, formerly an associate professor here, recently accepted a position as a senior lecturer in International Management at Trinity College in Dublin.

Vega and Brennan's early research on telecommuting and organizational structure was funded by the college's Faculty Development Fund.

The PWC-funded project is entitled "Evaluating the Management of Telecommuting in the Public Sector and Potential Private Sector Applications." The researchers will focus on two federal agencies, describing the implementation and management of telecommuting.

Since the two researchers now live in different countries, much of their work will be conducted on-line.

The report will include recommendations on strategies that work and suggestions for improvements. Pricewaterhouse Coopers intends to disseminate the report widely in public, private, and academic communities.

New Faces and Old Friends at Campus Ministry

The campus ministry team, led by Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., has a pleasant mix of old friends and new faces. Dori White Pulizzi joined the staff as a campus minister; the Revs. Joseph Gillin and James Wenzel, O.S.A., round out the crew.

Charline Henry continues to serve as executive secretary.

Daily Mass is celebrated in the St. Augustine Chapel in Gildea Hall.

NEWS BITS

An article entitled "Killing, Healing, and the Hidden Motif of Oath-Sacrifice in Iliad 21," written by **Dr. Margo Kitts**, assistant professor of Religious Studies, was published in the Journal of Ritual Studies....The North Andover Senior Center hosted both **Mary McHugh**, adjunct professor of Political Science, and **Dr. Joseph T. Kelley**, vice president for mission effectiveness last fall....**Dr. Norma Rueda**, associate professor of Mathematics, attended the International Symposium on Generalized Convexity/Monotonicity at the University of the Aegean in Greece. She presented a paper entitled "Duality for a non-differentiable programming problem with generalized invexity."....**Dr. He Li**, associate professor of Political Science, presented two papers at the American Political Science Association's convention in Atlanta....**Dr. Anthony Turiano**, campus physician, was included in the Center for the Study of Services' "Guide to Top Doctors"....**Dr. Mono M. Singh**, professor of Chemistry and director of the national Microscale Chemistry Center, was the keynote speaker at the 150th Two-Year College Chemistry Conference in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Dr. Singh was named an honorary citizen by the Mayor of Fort Smith and received a key to the city. He has also recently helped establish the first Japanese Microscale Chemistry Center at Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan, and is working with the Boston public schools as they implement microscale chemistry in their high school laboratories. *Microscale Inorganic Chemistry*, authored by Singh and colleagues Drs. Ronald S. Pike and Zvi Szafran, has been published in Greek....**Dr. Cinzia DiGiulio**, assistant professor of Modern Languages, presented papers at the Purdue University Annual Conference on Romance Languages, Literatures and Film, and at the ACTFL Annual Meeting and Exposition....**Dr. Chuck Comegys** was honored at the Cooperative Education Appreciation Dinner.... **Cathie Rich-Duval**, associate professor of Marketing, and **Fran Quinn**, associate professor of finance, presented a paper at the Northeast Business and Economic Conference....**Dr. Susan Pariseau** and **Bruce Han**, both of the management department, and **Joseph Stasio Jr.** chair of the marketing department, presented papers at the annual meeting of Decision Sciences Institute in New Orleans....NASA presented a team of engineers and scientists from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Space Systems Group, which included civil engineering professor **Anthony DeLuzio**, with a Group Achievement Award.... The third edition of *The Persistence of Social Inequality in America* by **Dr. John Dalphin**, professor of sociology, was published late last year.... The 1999 Merrimackian was dedicated to **Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A.**, director of campus ministry....**Dr. Jerry Dugal**, director of counseling and health, was quoted in The Christian Science Monitor in an article on drug use among teenagers....A brochure produced by **Robin Good** of the Office of Institutional Advancement was awarded a bronze medal by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education....

“Professors After Dark”: the Lighter Side of Faculty

For students looking for a little something different, Professors After Dark hits the spot.

The program, coordinated by Pam Najarian, director of the Study Center, brings faculty members into the resident halls to discuss topics of interest to them.

This semester’s topics include Meditation Practice, by Dr. Padraic O’Hare of religious studies; Sharing Tootsie Rolls with Jim, by Dr. Jim Tanton of mathematics; Stress Management, by Diane Aprile-Wass, of continuing education; and Culture, Religion, and Spirituality, by Linda Murphy, assistant to the president.

Remember the Link!!

Merrimack’s community events hotline, (978) 837-LINK, keeps you informed about performances, sports schedules, news, and more. Call today!

Sen. Mitchell to Deliver Commencement Address

Senator George J. Mitchell will deliver the keynote address at the 50th commencement, planned for May 21.

Mitchell was appointed to the United States Senate in 1980 and served for 14 years, receiving an unprecedented 81 percent of the vote in the 1988 election. From 1989 until his resignation from the Senate, he held the influential position of Majority Leader.

Most recently, Mitchell served as the chairman of the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland, brokering an historic agreement among the warring political factions there.

New Controller and Registrar Round Out Administrative Roster



Jennifer Ligenza



Nancy Trevethick

Kevin Salemme photos

Merrimack has hired a registrar, Jennifer Ligenza, and a controller, Nancy Trevethick, C.P.A.

Ligenza will manage and direct all functions of the Registrar’s office, including registration, class scheduling, enrollment reports, and the development of new programs to assist in the ongoing refinement of student recordkeeping. In addition, she will provide support to various offices by collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data needed to complete various institutional reports.

Ligenza comes to Merrimack from Suffolk University where she served as Associate Registrar for Technology. During her tenure there she directed the university’s computerized record-keeping, coordinated Web registration, and designed and implemented a system that enabled academic departments to add their own course offerings to the university database. Prior to Suffolk, Ligenza served as database administrator at Newbury College. She holds a master’s degree from Boston College and a bachelor’s degree from Elms College. She lives in Somerville, Mass.

Controller Nancy Trevethick will oversee staff and operations of the accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, and bursar offices. Other responsibilities will include monitoring and maintaining systems of internal control, providing internal and external reports on operations; monitoring budget performance; performing all aspects of cash management; and planning and facilitating the annual audits.

Trevethick previously served as controller at St. Paul School in Concord, N.H. She worked in public accounting at Dion, O’Hara & Co. in Hudson, N.H., and Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Boston.

Trevethick is a C.P.A. and received a master’s degree in business administration from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College and a bachelor’s degree from Mount Holyoke.

Library Receives Grant

A grant from the Davis Education Foundation of Maine will allow the college to participate in the North of Boston Library Exchange.

This consortium, comprised of 28 area libraries, provides increased resource sharing and gives students, faculty, and community members access to more than two million items, including books, periodicals, and videos, at a fraction of the cost of purchasing those items.

The Davis Education Foundation was established by Stanton and Elizabeth Davis after his retirement as chairman of Shaw’s Supermarkets, Inc.

Bruno, Girard elected to Board of Trustees



Joseph X. Bruno '80

The board of trustees has elected two new members, Francis E. Girard (see cover story) and Joseph X. Bruno.

Bruno is a 1980 graduate of the college. A partner at

Arthur Andersen in Boston, he joined the audit staff there directly after his graduation. He was named partner in 1992.

Bruno serves on the board of directors of the Association for Corporate Growth, a professional organization focusing on mergers and acquisitions and business development. He is a member of UNICO, a charitable organization that helps underprivileged children in the Merrimack Valley.

Bruno lives in Andover with his wife and two children.

Shareholder's Report

Your stock in Merrimack College increases in value every day. When you make a gift to Merrimack, you are investing in Merrimack’s future. Here are a few examples of recent generous investments made to the college:

- Joseph '79 and Rose '79 (Kelley) Lorusso have made a gift of \$50,000 to establish the Lorusso Visiting Augustinian Scholar Endowment. The endowment will provide the funds to bring distinguished Augustinian Scholars to campus.
- Thanks to a generous \$110,000 gift from 25 Merrimack College alumni working at Arthur Andersen, including Joseph X. Bruno '80, who is a partner at Arthur Andersen and a Merrimack College Trustee, Merrimack’s Business School unveiled its first high-tech classroom in the late fall. The classroom has a variety of multi-media and interactive equipment such as computerized white boards, video conferencing, document cameras, CD, and DVD.
- Robert J. Fabbriatore has committed \$1 million to fund Merrimack’s second endowed chair. Mr. Fabbriatore is founder, chairman, and CEO of CTC Communications Group, Inc. of Waltham, Mass. The endowed chair is in entrepreneurship, which will play a critical role in attracting and retaining excellent faculty for the business school.
- Merrimack has been awarded a \$600,000 Challenge Grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation for the construction of the campus center. In accepting the challenge, the college must raise \$4.2 million in the next 18 months from alumni, parents, and friends who give new or increased gifts to the campus center project.
- Tony Award-winning playwright and actor George Furth of Hollywood donated an extensive collection of more than 500 Academy Award-nominated films on laser disc. Furth also gave a \$100,000 endowment to maintain and enhance the collection. He made his gift in memory of his friend and colleague Demmy (Peter) Tambakos '74. The movies are available for students to borrow, to view in the McQuade Library screening room, and to broadcast on the campus’ closed-circuit television station.

Call the Job Line at (978) 837-5350.

The alumni’s newest and best resource for job hunters is the Job Line, a 24-hour voice mail announcement listing a wide variety of employment opportunities.

The Job Line is the latest addition to the college’s successful Alumni Networking program.

Have a job to post or want more information about career services for alumni? Call John Obert '66 at (978) 837-5107, or e-mail jobert@merrimack.edu.

Ciejek Fellow Longworth Examines 11th Century Church Statues

by David Rattigan

In Northern Italy, individual ancient chapels are grouped in sanctuaries that run up the slopes of hillsides. In the region of Piedmont, west of Milan, for example, there are 20 chapels leading up the "Sacro Monte" (Sacred Mounts) over Varese.

This is a site where believers make their pilgrimage, from chapel to chapel, up to the sanctuary atop the mountain. Visitors are kept out of the chapels by iron bars, but through the windows can see life-size, painted and gilded sculptures, made of terra cotta and wood, depicting scenes from Catholic tradition.

"They're individual re-enactments, as if this were real theater," says Dr. Ellen Longworth, laying out photographs of the statues. "In this case the life of the Virgin, and the life and trials of Christ. It took me two hours to walk up and come back down, taking photographs."

Using the metaphor of an Italian meal, the sanctuaries on the mountains are the "contorni," Longworth says, that which goes around it. For her, the main dish is found in a little church in Milan.

In 1998, Longworth became the fourth faculty member to receive a

Ciejek Fellowship for Humanistic Research and Study in Liberal Arts. It supported her project to return to Italy and study a set of statues found inside a c. 1030 church which had been overlooked by previous inquiry.

The art historian and Merrimack College professor believes it's an important discovery, she told a gathering of faculty, students and alumni in a talk on October 6, 1999.

"As an art historian, if you're lucky to find objects like this which haven't had any or much attention paid them, you not only want to scrutinize them as

closely as possible, but also to determine what they are stylistically and realistically. You want to see how to relate them [to other art of the period and region], to understand the context for these figures."

Longworth has been familiar with the Holy Sepulchre of Christ Church for 17 years, but didn't realize the treasure inside until fairly recently. In 1983, Longworth was gathering information for her dissertation, staying in Milan and doing much of her research at the Biblioteca Ambrosiana, which is contiguous to the library.

"I was going in and out of churches, looking at Renaissance tombs (tomb art is a specialty) and late Medieval tombs, and when I walked into the door of this little church, it looked like a product of the 17th century, which is not Renaissance. It's Baroque. I never went farther inside the door."

The action which we find in the Bible is played out across the space of the church.

She discovered the treasure inside during a visit back during a sabbatical in 1992, while doing further research on Renaissance tomb art. Walking into the church, she discovered the terra cotta sculptures which depict groups of life-size figures - Christ, the apostle Peter, other disciples, Caiaphas, other guards - in biblical scenes.

"The figures themselves are quite handsome," Longworth says. "In terms of quality, they're better - in my judg-

ment - than anything I saw at Sacro Monte, for instance."

Longworth is unsure she'll ever determine the names of the artists, but figures it was a collaborative effort involving a sculptor and a painter or painters, as was the norm in this type of work.

Inside the church, in apsidal chapels (semi-circular extensions) on either side, the figures play out two scenes from the passion of Christ: Christ washing Peter's feet at the last supper (when Christ told Peter that he would deny him, and Peter assured him "Never"); and Peter's denial of Christ before Caiaphas.

Sitting between the two scenes, one can feel an emotional charge, as if one was a spectator in a cinema. As Longworth put it in her talk, "The action which we find in the Bible is played out across the space of the church." Not just Christ's story but also



Dr. Ellen Longworth, professor of Fine Arts and Ciejek Fellow

finding, in fact, that this tradition is more widespread than scholarly research has admitted.

"This field has gotten very little attention because it appeals to a popular, folk-art mentality. They're not what scholars - many of them - would call high art. High art is made from marble, bronze, and other expensive materials, not wood and terra cotta, not painted in a life-like manner, but it is very important. It's not what would be called pop or folk art today, but it was popular. That's what people wanted."

David Rattigan is a journalist based in Salem, Mass. While not an alumnus himself, he claims family status. His brother, John, graduated in 1979.



An example of the life-size, painted and gilded sculptures Longworth found in Northern Italy.

It's Spring Break — Break Out the Books!

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

On campuses around America, spring break means Daytona or Cancun or Key West — somewhere sunny, warm, and carefree. It's no wonder. Spring break comes at a time when most of us are ready for a good vacation.

But whether to study business practices in another culture or to minister to the needs of the poor in Brooklyn and Alabama, the Merrimack community has a long tradition of spending spring break a little more productively.

For a group of faculty from across the curriculum, this spring break will be devoted to learning more about Augustine of Hippo, whose life and service to the church inspired the beginning of the order of friars which founded Merrimack.

The group will do more than just read and discuss St. Augustine's life and works. Under the leadership of Rev. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A., they'll travel together to Italy and visit some places where Augustine lived. Wenzel, who attended Merrimack from September 1948 to June of 1950 before joining the order, is a recognized Augustinian scholar as well as a recent addition to both the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy and campus ministry staffs.

Sponsored by the college through its Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy, the ten-day tour is called "In Italy with St. Augustine: An Augustinian Symposium, Seminar, and Pilgrimage." Wenzel has modeled the symposium on a similar project he led as part of his doctoral thesis in 1991. At that time, he led a group of Augustinian friars from three provinces through Italy for six weeks. "It was very extensive and intensive," said Wenzel, and the experience included a week of retreat at Lecceto, near Siena, in Tuscany, the site

of an ancient Augustinian foundation and currently home to an order of contemplative Augustinian nuns.

Retreatants focused on answering the question "What does it mean to be an Augustinian friar?" From their answers, Wenzel wrote his dissertation.

While that kind of serious scholarship isn't planned for this trip, participants are prepared for an intellectually demanding week of study, rather than the leisurely touring and shopping a typical tour group might undertake.

To prepare, participants have been meeting since December in a seminar. "One of the first things we read was one of Augustine's earliest works, *The Happy Life*," Wenzel said. The reading generated a lively discussion, including the participants' views on the meaning of happiness.

"You can imagine," said Deborah Burns, a professor of English, "very few of us accept things without intellectual challenge. And [Augustine's] *The Happy Life* is very absolute in style." She said the discussion of the work was very much like what she does in the classroom with her own students.

Burns is one of 15 faculty members participating in the symposium. Many disciplines are represented, including sociology, modern languages, philoso-

phy, biology, and psychology. To be considered for the trip, faculty members were required to write an essay on why, personally and professionally, the experience would benefit them.

Among the 15 chosen, Wenzel hopes that a community of friends — in the Augustinian spirit — will develop. Of himself, he says, "In background and interest, I am profoundly Augustinian."

With that background and interest and a résumé which includes almost four years of ministry in Italy, Wenzel will lead the Merrimack group through a crowded itinerary which begins with a visit to the Cathedral of Milan, under which the site of Augustine's Baptism has been excavated. Other highlights of the trip will include a visit to Firenze and the famous Augustinian Church, Santo Spirito; San Gimignano, home of an international community of Augustinian friars, a center for Augustinian spirituality, and the place where Wenzel ministered; Rosia and San Leonardo di Lago, sites of ancient Augustinian foundations; the convent at Lecceto; the birthplace of St. Clare of Montefalco, an Augustinian nun; Ostia, the port in Rome where Augustine arrived and left Italy, and where Monica, his mother, died; a tour of St. Peter Basilica; the Augustinianum, a center for the study of



This fresco, *Sant' Agostino insegna legge, retorica e filosofia a Roma* (St. Augustine teaching law, rhetoric, and philosophy in Rome), was painted by Florentine artist Benozzo Gozzoli in 1464 and 1465. It is located in La Chiesa di Sant' Agostino in San Gimignano, Italy. Many thousands of tourists visit the frescoes in San Gimignano each year; this spring, a Merrimack group will be among the visitors. For movie buffs, San Gimignano is the site of the second half of the film *Tea with Mussolini*.

patristics; and the General House of the Augustinian Order, both located across the street from St. Peter Basilica in the Vatican.

Wenzel noted that the cloistered convent of Augustinian nuns at Lecceto will be of particular interest. The sisters at Lecceto shatter many preconceptions: Many are under 35, all are well-educated with doctorates, two are medical doctors.

At each site visited, lectures and liturgies will add fuel to the symposium's intellectual discussions. All the while, Wenzel hopes, the faculty members will find ways to incorporate what they've learned into the classroom.

For Deb Burns, the lessons aren't restricted to what can be passed on to students, but are part of a greater meaning of community so important to Merrimack as an Augustinian college.

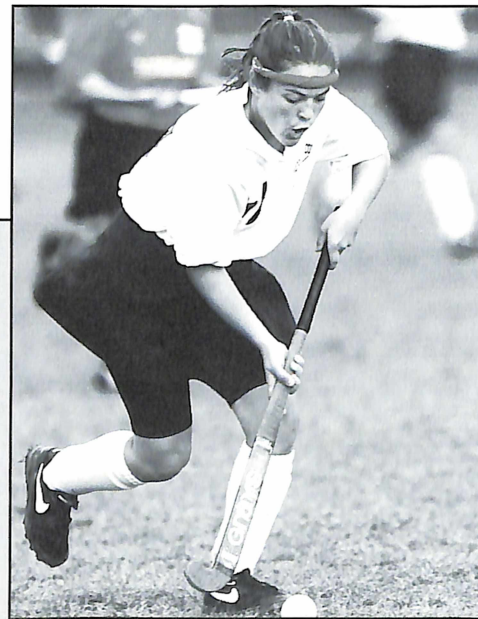
"I'm not a Catholic," she said. "But I've always felt comfortable here. This course, and things like it, give us a way of learning what in Catholic culture matters most."

Fall Season Review

Cross Country

The women's and men's cross country teams enjoyed perhaps the best season of all the fall sports. The women's team won its third consecutive Northeast-10 Conference championship while the men's team finished in second place behind Bentley College. The Lady Warriors were led by senior Andrea Leonard who finished in first place overall with a time of 19:41.4. She was named Northeast-10 Women's Runner of the Year for the third straight year. Merrimack head coach Chris Cameron was named Northeast-10 Women's Coach of the Year for the second time for his efforts in leading the Lady Warriors to the conference crown. Also helping the Lady Warriors' effort was junior Katie Schroth, who finished second overall and joined Leonard on the NE-10 All-Conference First Team. Freshman Jessica Perrone was the lone Merrimack representative on the second team finishing in 11th place overall.

The men's team finished with 44 points overall, the lowest total ever recorded by a Merrimack men's cross country team at the Northeast-10 championships. Freshman Tyler Bloom finished in second place earning Northeast-10 Newcomer of the Year accolades and First Team All-Conference honors. Junior Angelo Santitto finished in fourth place overall earning First Team accolades while freshman Matt Kacamburas and sophomore Ronnie Montgomery finished in 14th place overall. She was the top finisher from the Northeast-10 Conference and her 14th place was the best ever for a Merrimack College runner. Bloom finished 24th overall to lead the men's effort.



Al Pereira photos

Senior field hockey player **Candice Kulacz** was named to the NFHCAA Second Team All-America for the second consecutive season.

Field Hockey

The field hockey team showed tremendous improvement from last season winning two more games and posting a 5-11 record. The five wins were the most for the Warriors since the 1997 season. Senior Candice Kulacz was named as a NFHCAA Second Team All-America for the second consecutive season. She also was selected to play in the NFHCAA North South All-Star Classic. Kulacz scored a team-

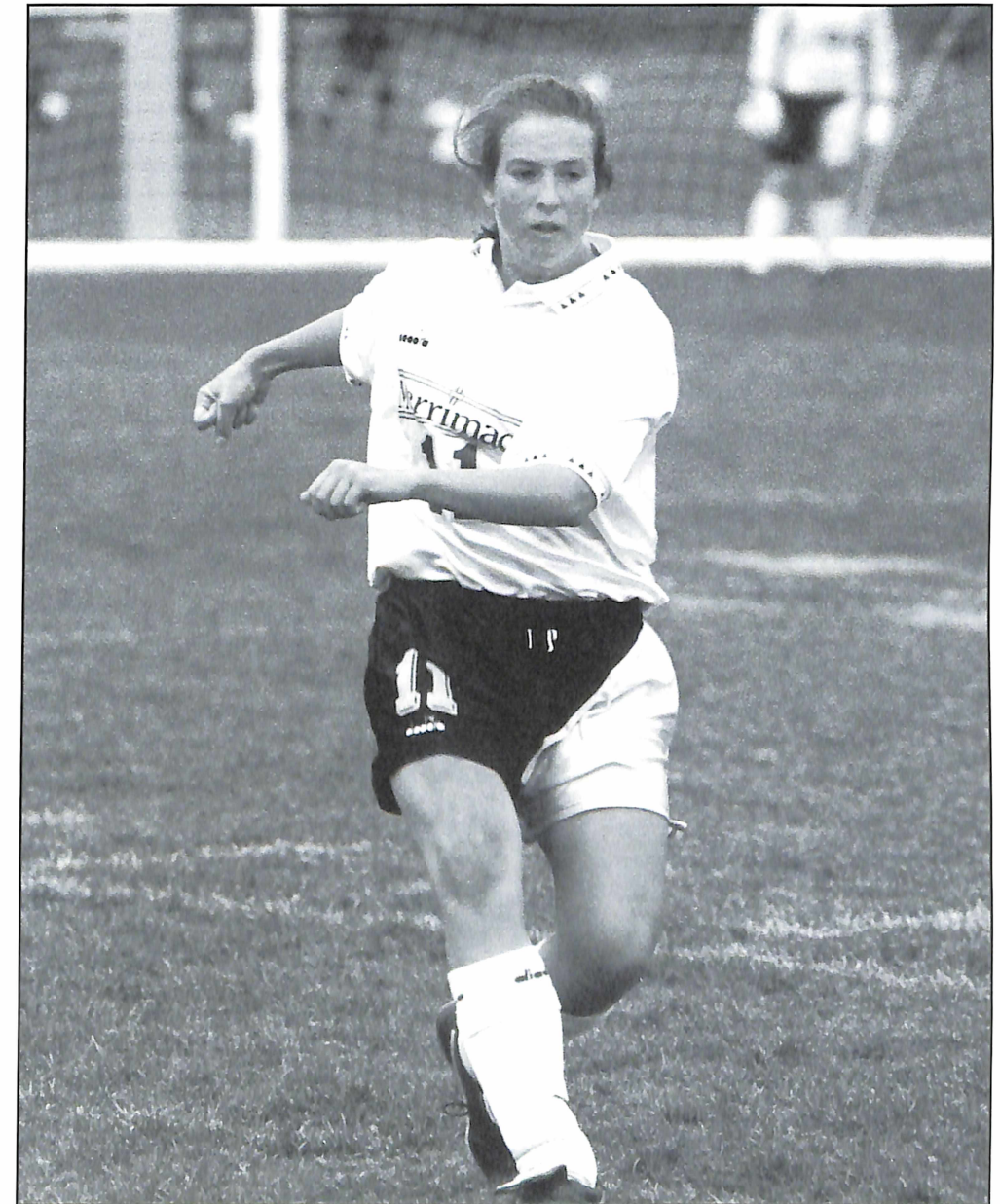
high 10 goals while adding two assists for 22 points. The Warriors ranked fourth in the Northeast-10 conference in team offense (1.38 goals per game) and fifth in team defense (2.00 goals per game). Fellow senior Jen Conway was Merrimack's top netminder. She notched a 2.00 goals against average and a .881 save percentage. Conway ranked third in the conference in saves per game recording 11.00 per contest. The Warriors will look for continued improvement next season as they lose only three players to graduation.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team posted a record of 9-4, 7-2 in the Northeast-10 conference. The Warriors finished in second place in regular season conference play but fell in the semifinals of the conference tournament. Freshman Elizabeth Ryan led the way for the Warriors. Ryan, who played first singles for Merrimack throughout the year, was named Northeast-10 Newcomer of the Year and was named to the All-NE-10 First Team. She finished the year at first singles with a record of 10-2.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team notched a school record 17-3 mark on its way to its second appearance in the NCAA Division II New England Regional. The Warriors captured a share of the Northeast-10 regular season title and then won the conference tournament with a 1-0 victory over Assumption College. Senior Lisa Jensen was named to the NSCAA All-America First Team and garnered Northeast-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second year in a row. Freshman Patty Cronin was named the Northeast-10 Newcomer of the Year while junior Kathy Cote earned Northeast-10 Championship Tournament Most Valuable Player accolades. Merrimack placed four other players on the Northeast-10 Women's Soccer All-Star team. Senior Sue Cookson and sophomore Rachel McCarthy joined Jensen on the First Team while junior Kelly Shepherd and sophomore Melissa Edwards joined Cronin on the Second Team. Jensen, Cookson and McCarthy also earned NSCAA All-New England First Team accolades. As a team, Merrimack set the conference record for goals scored in a season with 98 in 20 games averaging 4.9 goals per game. The Warriors were ranked 10th in the nation and second in the New England region in the final NSCAA Rankings.



Lisa Jensen '00 was named to the NSCAA All-America First Team and garnered the Northeast-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second year in a row.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished the year with a 10-10-1 mark and advanced to the ECAC Division II Championship for the sixth consecutive year. Even though the Warriors fell to the eventual champion St. Anselm, 6-1, Merrimack's success this season could not be overlooked. The Warriors advanced to the Northeast-10 Championship final for the fifth time in the last six years and recorded their sixth consecutive season with 10 wins or more. Senior back Daniel Pearce scored a career-high four goals to help Merrimack come back from a 3-1 deficit in the second half and defeat American International College and advance to the NE-10 semifinals. In the semifinal round, the Warriors defeated Assumption College, 3-2, in double overtime to advance to the Championship game. Pearce was named the Northeast-10 Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year and earned First Team All-NE-10 accolades. He was joined on the First Team by his brother, Eric. Senior Matt Johnson and freshman Matthew Lynch earned All-NE-10 Second Team honors while sophomore Steve Gould garnered Honorable Mention accolades.



Calvin Bryant '00 (#31 above) earned First Team All-EFC accolades. The football team finished with a record of 7-3.

Football

The football team finished with a record of 7-3 and placed eight players on the All-Eastern Football Conference All Star teams. The seven wins for Merrimack set a school record for wins in season while the 7-3 mark sets a record for winning percentage (.700). The season began with a record-tying four-game winning streak before the Warriors hit a slump, dropping three straight including two by 12 points or less. Merrimack then rebounded to win its last three games of the regular season. Seniors Jimmy Festa and Robert Slattery highlighted the eight players on the All-EFC team as each player earned individual honors from the conference as well. Festa was named as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year while Slattery was named Defensive Lineman of the Year for the second consecutive season. Fellow senior Calvin Bryant earned First Team All-EFC accolades and joined Festa and Slattery on the New England Football Sportswriters Division II and III All New England team. Merrimack also had three other players earn First Team

All-EFC Honors. Junior guard Joe Ryan was named to the First Team offense while junior defensive tackle Troy Mailloux and sophomore defensive back Messiah Burch were named to the First Team defense. Junior offensive lineman Lou Fejes and junior kicker R.J. Noto received Second Team All-EFC honors.

Volleyball

The volleyball team recorded the second highest win total in school history (18) and set a school record for winning percentage (18-11/.621). The Warriors won the program's first Northeast-10 regular season championship but were upended in the Tournament semifinals falling to eventual champion, Pace, 3-0. Junior Heather Racz was named to the All-Tournament Team after recording 15 digs and one ace in the semifinal match. The Warriors also placed two players on the All-Northeast-10 conference all-star team. Sophomore Courtney Desrosiers earned First Team accolades while junior Kristen Wysocki was named to the Second Team. Desrosiers became the

school's all-time service ace leader in 1999 notching her 148th career ace. Wysocki is the school's all-time leader in blocks (438) recording a team-high 172 this season. Head coach Keith Schoonover was named Northeast-10 Coach of the Year for his efforts in leading the Warriors to a 8-1 regular season conference finish. Merrimack defeated Bentley College, 3-1, to clinch the Northeast-10 regular season title. The match marked the Warriors first victory over the Falcons in the last 30 meetings between the two teams.

For up-to-date information on sports schedules, scores, and team rosters, visit the new sports news and scoreboard sections at: www.merrimack.edu.

M57

Thomas Davies Jr. has been deployed to the Joint Contracting Center, Tuzla Main, Task Force Eagle (SFOR), Bosnia-Herzegovina. SFOR is a U.N. Peace Stabilization Force performing peacekeeping chores in Bosnia-Herzegovina as a result of the Dayton Peace Accord of 1996.

M58

Pat (Maney) Gorton attended an American Association of University Women national convention in Washington. She met with members of Congress to discuss concerns about Social Security coverage for women. She is founder of the Danvers branch of the AAUW.

M61

Edward Kelley II has been named associate dean at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Scotch Plains, N.J.

M63

David Cleary retired from teaching from the Easton School System, from coaching golf at Oliver Ames High School after 30 years, and from refereeing hockey for the N.I.H.O.A. He was inducted into the Massachusetts State Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1985. He is now a golf course starter/ranger for The Oaks Club in Osprey, Fla.



Chris Pratt-Consolenti

three years on the Board of Trustees for the organization. She has taught social studies for more than 25 years and is also an active member in the Georgia Geographic Alliance. Chris is an eighth grade Georgia Studies teacher at the Harris County-Carver Middle School in Hamilton, Georgia. She lives in Columbus, Georgia with her husband, Bill.

M66

Donald McGrath teaches math at Chatham, Mass. High School. He had taught math at Rockville High School in Vernon, Conn., from 1966 until 1999.

M67

Dick Trepanier is retired, but keeps active volunteering three days a week at Lazarus House, a shelter in Lawrence.

M65

Chris Pratt-Consolenti is president of the Georgia Council for Social Studies. Prior to her election, she served

Jeanne Gerber '66 Discovers It's a Jungle Out There

It's one thing to tour the rain forests. It's an entirely different experience to spend six hours a day mopping your brow as you clear brush and construct trails under the forest's leafy green canopy.

Jeanne Gerber '66, of Needham, Mass., saw the rain forest first-hand during a recent two-week Global Volunteers service program in Costa Rica. (Global Volunteers is a St. Paul, Minn.-based nonprofit organization that each year coordinates nearly 150 one- to three-week service projects in 18 countries around the world.)

Gerber worked shoulder-to-shoulder with high-school students building trails and improving signage in the Santa Elena cloud forest. In the process, she made friends, recharged spiritual and emotional batteries, and gained a unique perspective on this Central American country.

"It was fascinating to be in a developing country and experience some of its growing pains," said Gerber, who is a fifth-grade teacher in the Needham Public Schools.

It was an interest in the potential healing aspects of rain forest plant life and Costa Rica's emphasis on peace and nonviolence that prompted Gerber to trek to the Central American country. The highlights of her trip, she said, were the steep green hillsides of Costa Rica, the little girls in their Sunday best, and the hot springs at Tabacon — "a treat after hiking the two longest trails at the Santa Elena Reserve."



Jeanne Gerber paints a sign while volunteering in the Costa Rican cloud forest.

Photo courtesy of Global Volunteers

M68

Paula (Caron) Eldridge, Ph.D. works as a psychologist for the Penderglast School District in Glendale, Ariz. She spends her spare time training and breeding Belgian Tervure Shepherd dogs.

John Handfield has been appointed Superintendent of the Goshen-Lempster school district in Lempster, N.H.

Oops!

In the Honor Roll of Donors, we misstated the name of Kathleen Gallup Frieser '60 and left William F. O'Connor Jr. '51 off the list of Alumni Council members. Sorry, we goofed. We are, however, no less grateful for your contributions to Merrimack.



Judy Teehan Winston shared her candid from the Class of 1964 reunion in June. Shown above are (front row) Judy Doyle, Judy Winston, Frank Ford. (back row) Bill Lyons, Gerry Taltz, Mary Griffin, Tom Doyle, Anne Randone, Joanne Lamanna, and Bob Ouellette.



Tom Scanlon '68 shares this photo of Merrimack alumni who work for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). RUS is a federal bank that finances water and environmental projects, electric power projects, telecommunications facilities, and distance-learning telemedicine programs in rural areas. Pictured at their national conference held in August 1999 are: Dick Smigliani '65, Steve McKenzie '68, Tom Scanlon '68, Tom Eddy '65, and George Bagnell '65.

Kathleen (Hodge) Menges and husband of 30 years Phil, are living in Denver. They had spent 16 years in Alaska, where Kathleen worked a placer gold mine on Deadwood Creek, then operated a gold nugget jewelry store in Fairbanks. Their son, Chris, is an engineer who graduated from the University of Alaska and lives in New Hampshire.



Stand up and be counted! The year 2000 Federal Census is underway, and in Massachusetts, Merrimack graduates are leading the count. Cesar Monzon '73 is the office manager in the Natick/Metrowest area, and Tia (Donahue) Costello '91 is the Partnership Coordinator in the Boston office. The Census, mandated by the Constitution, is conducted every 10 years. Decisions on appropriating federal funds and apportioning seats in the House of Representatives are based on Census findings.

Elaine Vietri was appointed executive director of the Board of Bar Examiners by the Justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She is responsible for assisting the members of the Board in their functions in the bar admission process, the supervision of the office of the board, the preparation and maintenance of records, and coordination with the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

M70

Joe Ryan and his wife Karen own and operate their own real estate company on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Richard Slozak is the city manager for Goldsboro, N.C., and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the community. He had his hands full this September when Hurricane Floyd flooded his city with problems.

M71

David Bonneville is the vice president of engineering at Degenkolb Engineers in San Francisco. He and his wife Nancy have two teen-aged children, Rebecca and Noah.

William Boutilier was inducted into the Johnson/North Andover High School Athletic Hall of Fame in November 1998. He is a Social Studies teacher at North Andover High School and is a high school and college level basketball official in New England. Bill and his wife **Patricia (Casey) '71** have two children, Ellen and Kevin.

M72

William Fitzpatrick was recently named director of information systems for the Kraft Pizza Company, maker of DiGiorno and Tombstone Pizza, in Glenview, Ill. He and his wife **Rosemary (Romanowicz) '72** live in Libertyville, Ill.

Peter Foley has been promoted to assistant vice president in the claim department of Allamerica Financial. He and his wife Susan have two children, Alison and Thomas.

Christopher J. Sheehan has been appointed to the newly created position of communication specialist at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

M73

Dr. Dorothy (Lozowski) Boisvert has been appointed to a three year term on the Joint Generalist Exam Committee of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists' Board of Registry. She is also a professor and chairperson of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at Fitchburg, Mass., State College.

James Burke is a partner at Antico, Barrett, Burke, and Kornitsky, LLP. Burke also holds a position on the Board of Trustees for the North Shore Music Theatre. Jim, his wife Nancy, and son Josh live in Nashua, N.H.

Stanley Silas, president of Silas and Associates, has been appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Probation. He is also a member of the Black Board of Directors Project, a advanced leadership program.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Office of Volunteer Resources of the Archdiocese of Boston invites volunteers with strong organizational skills and an interest in Catholic School education to consider volunteering as a coordinator of one of the four major fund raising events held between September and June at a Merrimack Valley grammar school. Please call the Archdiocesan office at (617) 746-5840 for more information.



Enjoying Business After Hours at a gathering at the Homestead in Londonderry, N.H., are David Abbott '92, Cathy DeBurro '88, and Dennis Murphy '75. Future Business After Hours events are being planned in southeastern Massachusetts, Hartford, and the Delaware Valley area. For more information, call John Obert '66 at (978) 837-5107 or e-mail jobert@merrimack.edu.

Vina Troianello, who has taught at the St. Mary Elementary School in Lawrence for 21 years, was named principal last September.

M74

Patrick McLaughlin is involved with a start-up company called Secure Construction Systems. The company markets and constructs insulated concrete homes in Florida.

J. Michael Sapienti is the president and owner of Icenter/V&S Entertainment, LLC in Salem, N.H.

M75

John Howard is a systems engineer at Science Applications International Corp. after a 24 year career in the US Navy. He writes, "Work and home seem to revolve around computers, although I'm hardly a whiz — but I am working at it." He lives in San Diego and is looking forward to seeing his friends at Reunion in June.

James Speicher is a microbiologist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, Molecular Viral Biology Section, NIH, in Bethesda, Md.

COMING ALUMNI EVENTS

April 1	Alumni Retreat Day
April 6	Hartford Alumni Reception
April 15	Alumni Council Meeting
May 7	Senior Class Brunch
May 11	Baltimore Orioles Event
May 17	CEDAR Reception
May 25	Red Sox Event
June 9-10	Reunion 2000
June 21	NH Seacoast Event

Call the Alumni Office for information at (978) 837-5440 or (978) 837-5107 or e-mail swojtas@merrimack.edu.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo

Charido Scholarship Fund

"David Charido ('83) was the kind of person whose wit and love of learning stayed with you long after having met him," said friend and classmate Nick Korogazos. "His tragic death in 1991 was not only a loss to us who knew him, but to the greater community, as well." The scholarship founded in his memory is just \$2,500 short of its endowment. Nick and other friends of David are working to raise those last dollars. If you would like to contribute, send your check to The David Charido Scholarship Fund, c/o Office for Institutional Advancement, Box A8, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

Michele Surat is working at The Governor's School in Richmond, Virginia. Although she writes that she doesn't have as much time for writing as she would like, she recently did a reading of her poetry at the Virginia Fine Arts Museum.

M76

Paul D'Eramo has a law degree from Case Western Reserve University and is licensed and has practiced in both Florida and Massachusetts. He is pursuing a master's degree in occupational safety and health at Murray State University in Kentucky.

Margaret (Harrington) O'Brien recently returned to Merrimack to attend a seminar at the National Microscale Center for high school chemistry teachers. She teaches at Bishops Coyle and Cassidy High School in Fall River, Mass.

M77

Judith (Marshall) Blodgett and husband Jonathan live in Peabody. Their oldest son, Jon, is a sophomore at Georgetown University. Ryan is a Peabody High School student and Lauren is in the fifth grade.

Richard M. Curran and wife **Lisa (Quigley) '78** live in Devon, Penn. They're happy to report that daughter Alishia is a freshman at Merrimack.

Donna (Leone) Grosse graduated with an associate's degree in

physical therapy assistant from New Hampshire Community Technical College. She was licensed with the state of N.H. in September. Grosse is currently enrolled in the American Sign Language Certificate Program at NHCTC.

Patrick LeBeau Jr. is the varsity coach of St. Viator High School near his Des Plaines, Ill. home. He is also the president of the Mt. Prospect Lions Club.

M78

Linda Jacobson is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Nursing at Yale University School of Nursing in New Haven, Conn.

Peter Solan was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He is assigned to St. Peter Catholic Church in Pacifica, Calif.

M80

David Moynihan was promoted to general counsel and secretary for PNGTS Operating Co., LLC, an affiliate of Portland Natural Gas Transmission System. David is responsible for all legal and regulatory matters.

Eric Willard has been promoted to Associate at Gorman Richardson Architects Inc. He is responsible for budgeting, planning, and reviewing financial reports and statements for the Hopkinton firm.



Susan Wojtas '79 photo

CEDAR (Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited) committee alumni meet throughout the year and invite and encourage continuing education alumni to take advantage of the alumni events and services. Pictured above are (standing) Robert Bartley '94, Barbara Begin '97, Karen-Ann Glennon '90, (seated) Lillian Buckley '86, and Elizabeth Hurley '96. For more information about CEDAR, call John Obert at (978) 837-5440 or e-mail jobert@merrimack.edu.

M81

Leslie (LaFrance) Riemitis was installed as treasurer of the Granite State South Board of Realtors.

Barry Sullivan, CPA, has joined the Gloucester Seafood Display Auction as its chief operating officer and a related company, Auction Connect Inc. as its president. In his new positions he is responsible for business development and expansion of the seafood auction into key seaports in North America as well as daily operations.

M82

Robert Astill was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Credit Management- the New England Credit Association.

Martha (Toole) Murray is president of the Women and Infants' Hospital Auxiliary in

Providence. In this volunteer position, she sits on the board of trustees and planning committees. She chairs the Story Book Ball, which raised \$230,000 for the hospital's endowment. Martha writes, "It's a wonderful experience, along with my job as wife and mother of my two boys, Michael Jr. and Philip."

Loreen Ritter teaches theology and English at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson, Conn.

M83

Bill Burt was promoted to executive sports editor for the Lawrence, Mass., *Eagle-Tribune*. He will be responsible for the content and operations of the sports staff.

James Lukowiak is employed by the Legal Assistance Corporation of Massachusetts. He received a juris doctor degree from New England School of Law in May.

M84

Thomas J. McCarthy III is a principal at Heidrick and Struggles/Fenwick Partners, an executive search firm. He received an MBA from Northeastern last year. He lives in Maynard, Mass.

Todd Mitchell is a technology resource teacher, network administrator, site coordinator patterns project, and a bilingual English teacher at the Cesar Chavez Elementary School in San Diego. He and his wife Geell, who he met while in the Peace Corps in Ecuador have two daughters, Naia and Giana.

Marcia Zander was named vice president of sales for NetLogic Microsystems, Inc., a leader in the CAM-based packet classification and high speed router table management solutions for networking. She is responsible for all NetLogic sales programs and also for managing the company's expanding sales team worldwide.

M85

Tim Brennan has joined The Boston Company as vice president and mortgage calling officer.

Kali (Pappas) Girardi is special events coordinator at Holy Family Hospital Foundation in Methuen, Mass.

Ronald J. Ploof is the director of new business development at JTA Research, Inc., in Seal Beach, Calif.

M86

Maureen Mullen has moved to Quincy and works at Allyn and Bacon in Needham, Mass.

Robert B. Murphy Jr. is vice president for Pell Rudman Trust Company in Boston. He and his wife Stacey have four children and live in Woburn.

Bruces Pilavis is a principal with Bostonian Living Trust, a private client services law firm concentrating in trusts, estate tax planning, and business succession planning. Bruce and his wife, Dr. Kathleen Macrina, live in Bridgewater, Mass., and Naples, Fla., with their children Andrea and Christopher.

M87

Tim Boisvert was recently named international accounting manager for the biggest sports internet company in the world, Sportsline.com. He has been traveling to Europe to help set up an international Sports.com.

Mike Sachs was made relationship marketing manager for Jaguar Cars of North America. He and his wife **Karen (Ficco) '88** live in Morristown, N.J., with sons Michael and Steven.



Peter A. Darling '86 is shown at his graduation from the U.S. Customs Service Academy in Georgia. He is serving as a special agent for United States Customs. He is based in Chicago. Peter also graduated from the New England School of Law and is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association.



Susan Wojtas '79 photo

For many alumni, Career Networking events are a time to meet up with old friends, as well as establish new business contacts. Shown above are Rev. Patrick McStravog, O.S.A., director of vocations for the St. Thomas of Villanova province of the Augustinian Order, and Leanne (Garvey) Paul '92. The Alumni Resource Career Networking program serves more than 1000 alumni, sharing experiences and providing ideas, advice, and encouragement for both undergraduates and fellow alumni. For more information, call John Obert '66 at (978) 837-5440 or e-mail jobert@merrimack.edu.

M88

Matthew Boyle received an M.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He is currently a market manager for Steelcase, Inc. in Boston.

Julie Cloutier, a teacher at the Huntington Learning Center in Danvers, was recently recognized as "teacher of the month" for her outstanding contributions toward the education and well being of her students. She is also a full-time teacher at the Andover West Middle School.



Sherrie A. Gannon



Michelle Garland

Yearbook Correction

The Merrimack Yearbook staff asked Merrimack magazine to help make amends. In the senior portrait section of the 1999 yearbook, the photos for Sherri Gannon and Michelle Garland were switched. The captions below are correct.

Photo 1: Sherrie A. Gannon, Psychology, Spanish
Photo 2: Michelle Garland, Psychology, Business Administration, Sociology.

Karen (McCann) Drake opened a electrologist business with her mother called Electro Eliptations. They serve more than 600 clients in the Woburn, Mass., area.

Steven Maurno is self-employed and enrolled in the Georgia School of Professional Psychology.

Timothy R. Murphy has recently rejoined J.P.Morgan & Co. as vice president of its financial sponsors group. He commutes to Wall Street from Darien, Conn.

Mark Prygoda is the Senior Sales Representative for Eli Lilly and Company. He markets Eli Lilly's line of brand name pharmaceuticals to doctors and pharmacists.

M89

Paul McDonough recently was appointed to the position of manager for Canby Financial Advisors, LLC and has earned the designation of Certified Financial Planner (CFP).



Paul McDonough

M90

Sheila (Biden) Shelley has joined Geiger, the sixth largest promotional products distributor, as a program administrator. She is responsible for managing corporate clients. She and her husband Mark have two children, Patrick and Caitlin.

M91

Diane Applegate has joined the Minahan Companies as an account executive for the Boston public and government relations firm. She recently completed a master's degree at Emerson College.

Paul Jordan is the head natural gas trader for Goldman Sach's in New York.

Thomas Marchand has recently relocated to San Diego and started a career in resource management and development with ITE Corp.

Scott Ragusa was recently hired by Winter, Wyman, & Company of Waltham as general manager.

M92

John Ford has joined the Weeks Memorial Hospital staff as a family practice physician. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and also a federal- and state-licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Renae (Bavaro) Coleman was awarded a master of science degree in training and development at Lesley College.

Dawn Gonthier received a master of science in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College.

Michael McDermott is the branch manager of New Boston Select Staffing's permanent placement division in Woburn. He writes, "I hired another grad, **Garrett Hatch '95**. He is doing a fantastic job!!!"

Albert Varga has joined the Ayer middle school staff as a language arts teacher.

Foreign Correspondence

When alumni director Susan Wojtas '79 asked if she could publish his address, Rev. Luigi Peano, S.T.D. answered "All my former students are, in the eyes of our Lord, my most precious, unchangeable Joy in this ever changing world." Write Father Peano at C.P. 95, 07014 Ozieri, Italy.

M93

George Adyns has been awarded a certified public accountant (CPA) certificate by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is employed by Michael F. Reilly, CPA, PC, in Haverhill. He is also a member of the American Institute of CPA's.

Robert J. Alconada was re-elected to the Everett School Committee. He and his wife **Laurie (Kinsella)** '95 have purchased a home in Everett.

Philip Lynch teaches third grade in North Reading

M94

James Murphy is a senior consultant for Deloitte & Touche in Boston.

Julie Oriola has received a master of arts degree in communications from Emerson College. She finished her degree this summer with an internship in Los Angeles.

M95

Philip Barlas is a student in the MBA program at the University of Chicago.

Cynthia (Joudrey) Cogan has obtained her professional engineering license. She is registered in the state of Massachusetts.

Chris Gaudette was promoted to Corporate Controller/Principal Accounting Officer at TouchStone Software Corporation.

M96

Arthur Cogan recently joined Instron Corporation's Electro-Mechanical Division. He is a custom applications engineer.

Michelle (Ouellette) Rowe has received a master's degree from Tufts University and is currently employed by Northeast Rehab in Salem, N.H. as an occupational therapist in the pediatrics department.



Among the beautiful people at a fundraiser for the Ireland Fund held on Nantucket were these three Merrimack alumni: Tim Russert H'96 and Ed '56 and Rita (Bonanno) Collins '56.

M98

Amy (Dube) Berard is a sixth grade teacher position at Hull Middle School in Duluth, Ga.

Amy Gallant is a second grade teacher at Mad Brook Academy in North Brookfield, Mass.



Susan M. Hill

Susan M. Hill has opened a business, Turnstone Events, Inc. The company coordinates events, including

weddings, private parties, and commercial and corporate functions. Turnstone is located in Newburyport, Mass.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo



Mary McHugh, director of the Stevens Learning Center, and Cathy Onessimo '99 smile for the camera at the annual Boston Alumni Christmas Party, held this year at the Bay Tower Room.

Jennifer Howland has started an online mailing list for people who were English majors or writers at Merrimack. It is a forum for people to talk about books or post pieces of their own work to be critiqued. The online address is <http://www.onelist.com/community/Merrimackalumwriters>.

Tanasi Keller has been accepted to the three year C.A.G.S. (certificate of advanced graduate study) program for the School of Psychology at Tufts University.

Karan Mathur is studying for a graduate degree in international management at Oxford Brookes University in London.

Stacy Dell'Orfano finished a year of service doing AmeriCorps* VISTA and works as program director for the Foster Grandparent Program at the Chamber of Commerce in Greater Lawrence and Haverhill.

M99

Julie Abruzzi has joined the staff of the Boston-based accounting firm, Vitale, Caturano and Company. She will provide a wide variety of tax, accounting, and business advisory services for the firm.

Shannon Fouhey is a fifth grade teacher of language arts and social studies at St. John the Baptist School in Peabody, Mass.

Sarah Heath teaches English at the Ottoson Middle School in Arlington, Mass.

Michael Quinn has accepted a position with a management consulting firm, CSC Consulting. He is in the finance department as a revenue accountant.

Stacy Smart is an auditor with Arthur Andersen in Boston. **Shelley Terris** joined the John F. Ryan Elementary School in Tewksbury as a grade one teacher.

Steve Waluk has been appointed to the City of Newport (R.I.) Zoning Board of Review. He's the youngest person ever to be appointed. Steve is constituent affairs liaison for Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Almond.

Can You Help Return the Ring?

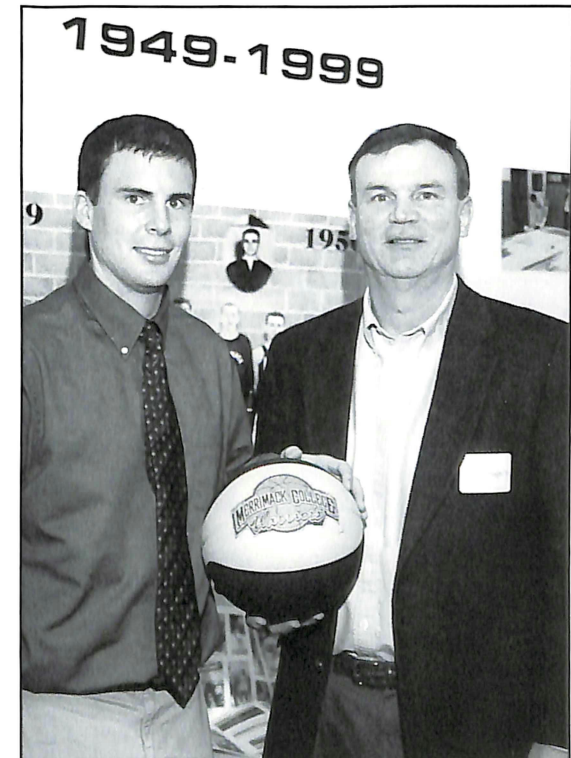
We've been contacted by someone who found a 1952 class ring, monogrammed WBC. Our records lead us to believe it was owned by William Brumby Campbell, since deceased. We'd like to return the ring to his family, though. If you have information on Mr. Campbell, please call the Alumni Office at (978) 837-5440.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo

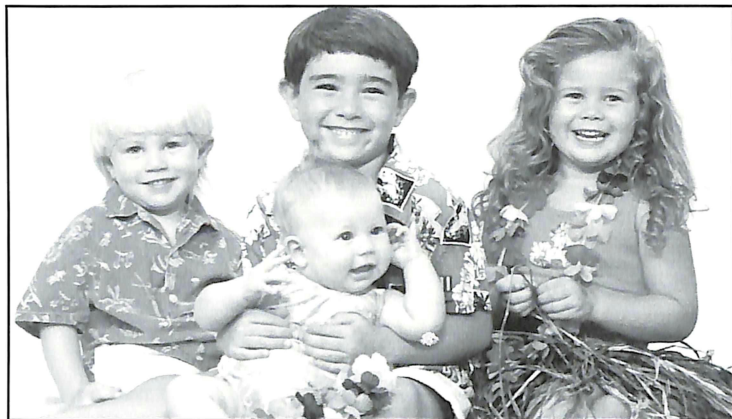


Shown above are members of the basketball team from '49-'50 season, who got together to celebrate the 50 years of basketball at Merrimack. Left to right are Ray Koehne '55, Dan Harrington '52, Bob Casper '52, Ray Alie '51, George Wermers '53, George Lane, Frank Countie '53, and Bob French '53.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo



Two generations of hoopsters were on hand to celebrate 50 years of basketball. John McVeigh '98 and his dad, Mike McVeigh '70, both bounced the orange ball for Merrimack.



The Logan family: Max, Tommy, Margo, and baby Grace

Thomas Logan '75 and wife Melanie: a daughter, Grace Riana, March 2. She joins sister Margo and brothers Tommy and Max.

Brian T. Andrews '79 and wife Patricia: a daughter, Emary Kate, March 24, 1998. She joins sisters Lyndsie and Kristie.

John J. Buba Jr. '79 and wife Kim Roberts: a daughter, Deanna Roberts Burns, January 21, 1999. She joins sister Camilla.

William Keller '79 and wife Audrey: an adopted son, William Victor, born in Moscow.

Lynne (Connors) Perry '82 and husband William: a son, Thomas Robert, June 15. He joins brother William.

Kaoru Julian '83: a son, Alex Spencer Julian, July 8.

Ann Marie (Hunt) Moynihan '83 and husband John: a daughter, Melissa Rose, October 6. She joins brother Michael.



Dario Vincent Tagliaferri

Caroline (Ambrosino) Mirabella '84 and husband Joseph: a daughter, Rachel, August 17. She joins brother Christopher.

Stacey (Zetes) Albano '85 and husband John: a daughter, Christina Elizabeth, September 6. She joins brother Matthew.

Susan (Crevo) Steneri '85 and husband Andrew: a daughter, Isabel Rose, October 10.

Lisa (Desmarais) '86 and Richard Lane '85: a son, James Michael, April 17.

Robert B. Murphy '86 and wife Stacey: a son, Timothy Henry, September 7. He joins sisters Brittney and Callie and brother Andrew.

Joseph M. Sullivan Jr. '86 and wife Patricia: a daughter, Clare Marie, July 14.

Debbie (Valanzola) Swanson '86 and husband Doug: a son, Jonathan Douglas, July 1999. He joins sister Julia.

Carol (Dillingham) '87 and **David Tagliaferri '87**: a son, Dario Vincenzo, September 15.

Chris (Freeman) '87 and **Nick LaPlaca '86**: a daughter, Caroline Grace, May 21. She joins sisters Rebecca and Mary Beth.

Robert Hamilton '87 and wife Mary Ellen: a daughter, Tara Elizabeth, April 1. Tara was welcomed by proud uncles **Michael '90** and **John Iannuccillo '90**.

JoAnn (L'Italien) O'Shea '87 and husband John: a son, Brendan John, March 4. Brendan was welcomed by proud grandparents **Ray '57** and **Joan '58 L'Italien**.

Laura (Digirolamo) Burns '88 and husband Shawn: a son, Jonathan, August 11.

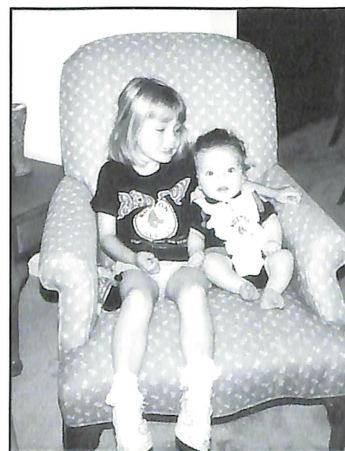
Jacqueline (Burke) Curtin '88 and husband Robert: a son, Samuel James, April 21. He joins sister Alexandra Grace.

Dawn (Maynard) Dunn '88 and husband Tom: a son, Jason Thomas, May 11. He joins brother Kevin John.

Andrew Gatchell '88 and wife Amanda: a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, July 14.

William Harris '88 and wife Kathleen: a son, Edward McNamara, June 25. He joins brother Will.

Kimberly (Melican) Herdiech '88 and husband Edward: twin sons, Mark Edward and Daniel James, October 16.



Jessica & Mark Thiergartner



Samuel James Curtin

Colleen (Condangelo) Honan '88 and husband Kevin: a daughter, Molly Doyle, August 23.

Anna (DiCecca) Mahan '88 and husband Michael: a son, Sean Michael, June 4. Sean joins brother Ryan Christopher.

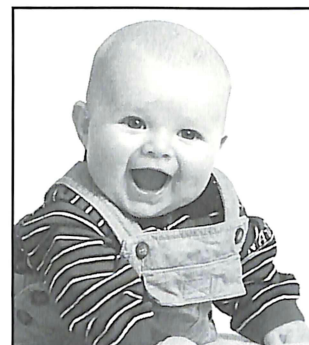
Dianne (Franson) Thiergartner '88 and husband Bradley: a son, Mark Bradley, January 11. He joins sister Jessica.

Deborah (Carreiro) '89 and **Michael Blood '89**: a daughter, Katherine Adriana, June 29. She joins brothers Nicholas Joseph and Jeffrey Michael.

Karen (Cooke) Fowler '89 and husband Jack: a son, Johnathan Richard, May 10. He joins sister Jaime.

Janice (Duff) Jutras '89 and husband Robert: a daughter, Robyn Kathleen, October 28. She joins sister Alexandria.

Susan (Hunter) Scola '89 and husband Daniel: a daughter, Lisa Marie, August 16. She joins sister Kristina Joan and brother Mark Daniel.



Zachary Patrick Albert

Joe Cardello '90 and wife Michelle: a son, Augustus Gerard, June 6.

Lynne Ann (Pilat) Chase '90 and husband William: a son, Zachary Tyler, August 25.

Jennifer Paige (Hatem) Carey '91 and husband Marc: a daughter, Paige Madison, August. She is the grandchild of **Robert '58** and **Joanne '59 Hatem**.

Joseph DeVingo '91 and wife Robin: a daughter, Francesca Rose, September 24. She joins sisters Victoria and Isabella.

Lisa (Deeran) '91 and **Lawrence Russo III '92**: a son, John Lawrence, June 17.

Richard Fahey '92 and wife Kathleen: a daughter, Margaret June, October 28.



Kate Marshall and her Mom

Susan (Negrelli) '92 and **Christopher McLaughlin '91**: a son, Kyle Joseph, September 29. He joins brother Collin.

Grace (Pattelena) Saraceno '92 and husband George: a son, Joshua, August 12.

Dawn (Sinsigalli) '92 and **Michael Gonthier '90**: a son, Joseph Robert, March 17.



Taylor Elizabeth Abbott

Catherine (Gallagher) Albert '93 and husband Stephen: a son, Zachary Patrick, June 21.

Richard Augeri '93 and wife Anna: a daughter, Bianca Elena, February 11, 1999.

Mark Bickford '93 and wife Michele: a son, Mark Richard Jr., July 19.

Sarah Boyd '93 and husband Paul Harty: a daughter, Rebecca Sarah, September 7.

Eric '93 and **Jennifer (Chistolini) Kelly '94**: a son, Liam, August 24.

Martha (Doherty) Marshall '93 and husband Patrick: a daughter, Kate Elizabeth, June 13.

Lisa (Morey) Abbott '94 and husband Thomas: a daughter, Taylor Elizabeth, October 9.

Beth (Brown) Crouch '94 and husband William: a daughter, Julia Mary Rose, December 21, 1998.

Tania (Titone) Howson '95 and husband Robert: a son, Richard Keeghan, March 9. He joins sister Riley Kendall.



Joseph Robert Gonthier



Eric Kelly



Joshua Saraceno



Julia Crouch

Stephen McMahon '72 and Grace Freije on May 29.

Kelly Ashton '86 and Mark Carlson at St. Mary Church in North Grafton, Mass., on June 5.

Jean Margaret Arcidiacono '87 and Roy Hamel at St. Lucy Church in Methuen, Mass., on May 23.

Lauren Rimkie '87 and Paul Marziarz at St. Matthew Church in Forestville, Conn., on May 8.

Andrew Gatchell '88 and Amanda Neff in Brattleboro, Vt., on February 13, 1999.

Kathleen Slattery '88 and Mark Matthews at St. Augustine Church in Newport, R.I., on September 25.

Gina Kando '89 and John Wells at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on May 24, 1998.

Christine Morgan '89 and Paul Urban at St. Cassian Church in Upper Montclair, N. J., on April 10.

William Woods Jr. '89 and Eileen McMahon at St. Joseph Church in Somerville, Mass., on October 11.



Christine Gibney '92 and Christopher Madden '92 hosted a hoard of Merrimack friends at their November wedding, including (front row) Christopher Laurenzo, Kerri Gibney '99, Christine Dufresne '92, Donna Eoon '92, Susan (Przybylaski) Matusewksi '93, Mark Crane '92, Tracy (Asselin) Cafaro '92, Rachel and Charlie Fellows '92, (second row) Marc Dellasanta '92, Lewis Venezia '93, Stephen Nyberg '92, Timothy Mulhern '93, Wayne Bishop '92, and Stephen O'Sullivan '92.



Many Merrimack friends gathered for the wedding of Jennifer Reddish '93 and William Woodman, including (front row) Amy (Harper) Flynn '93, [the bride and groom], Mary Gallagher '93, Robin Backman '97, Pete Murphy '97, (second row) Kristen (Barry) Turner '94, Brian Turner '94, Matt Mozzer '93, Molly Sullivan '94, Jennifer Reilly '93, (third row) Jennifer Wilmont '94, Matt Buckley '93, Nick Alexis '93, Michelle MacDonald, Gary Fernandes '94, Jennifer (Harrington) Trodden '93, Mark Trodden '93, Jackie (Carney) Hagan '93, Shawn Reddish '96, and Tim Dooling.

Philip Aswad '90 and Sheri Zeeb at the Church of St. John of Damascus in Dedham, Mass., on May 8.

John Iannuccillo '90 and Ann Woodward on Treasure Island in San Francisco.

David Kubick '90 and Melissa Langell at St. John Neumann Church in Merrimack, N.H., on September 25.

Stephen Affanato '91 and Courtney McCarthy at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in North Falmouth, Mass., on July 2.

Douglas Fernandez '91 and Beth Buoniconti in Mystic, Conn., on August 1.

Christine Gibney '92 and Chris Madden '92 on November 7, 1998.

Beth Ann Hassell '92 and Michael Skafas at Sacred Hearts Church in Bradford, Mass.

John Keenan Jr. '92 and Jennifer McNulty at St. Peter Church in Warwick, R.I., on October 16.

Heather MacNeil '92 and Robert Pfordresher at Christ Church in Andover on July 9.

Walter Maganzini '92 and Linda DiSpena on August 22, 1998.

Grace Pattelena '92 and George Saraceno at St. Paul Evangelical

Church on June 21, 1997.

George Adyns '93 and Lynn Ann Corneau at Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence.

Richard Augeri '93 and Anna Fusto on September 8, 1996.

Erin Contois '93 and David Vazdauskas at St. Patrick Church in Newcastle, Maine, on June 12.

Amy Harper '93 and Kevin Flynn at St. Colman of Cloyne Church in Brockton, Mass.

Sara McGrath '93 and Kevin Ryan at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, March 27.



Douglas Fernandez '91 and Beth Buoniconti were married in August. Merrimack friends attending the ceremony included Bo Kolowski '91, Peter Flynn '90, Megan (Sullivan) McDowell '91, Paul Jordan '91, and Keith Taylor '91.

Susan Stevenson '93 and Wayde McMillan '94 at St. Cecilia Church in Wilbraham, Mass.

Thomas Trepanier '93 and Fatima Garcia-Jaen at St. Michael Church in North Andover.

Thaddeus Ball '94 and Jenna Vajcovec at Holy Family Church on April 18.



Mike Macutcheon '95 and Derek Camps-Campins '95 flank blushing bride Sara (McGrath) Ryan '93 at her March wedding to Kevin Ryan. In the back row are Jackie Provenzano '95, Lisa McColgan '93, Michelle D'Cirrigio '93, Kristen Havery '93, Eddie McGrath '95, Leta Fongemie '93, and Becky Bail '95.

Kristen Courtney '94 and Michael Baio on July 11, 1998.

James Doherty '94 and Leeann Boyer at St. Mary Church in Charlestown, Mass., on September 25.

Philip Egan '94 and Lisa McLaughlin at St. Adelaide Church in Peabody, Mass., on September 12, 1998.

Karen Max '94 and Chris Gaudette '95 on September 5.

Julie Harte '95 and Brian Barrie at Sacred Heart Church in Pittsfield, Mass., on July 31.

Julianne Weber '95 and Brian Corey at the Wolfboro Inn in Wolfboro, N.H. on August 21.

Tammy Blouin '96 and William McKibben III at Sacred Heart Church in Portland, Maine, on May 29.

Sully Grella '96 and Kara Vaughan at St. Michael Church in North Andover on July 4.

Karin Murphy '96 and Robert Banks Jr. at Maple Avenue Methodist Church in Marietta, Ga.

Joanna Pasciuto '96 and Christian Dowling at the Church of St. Eulalia on June 12.

Cheri Adams '97 and Paul LaMonica '96 at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on May 22.

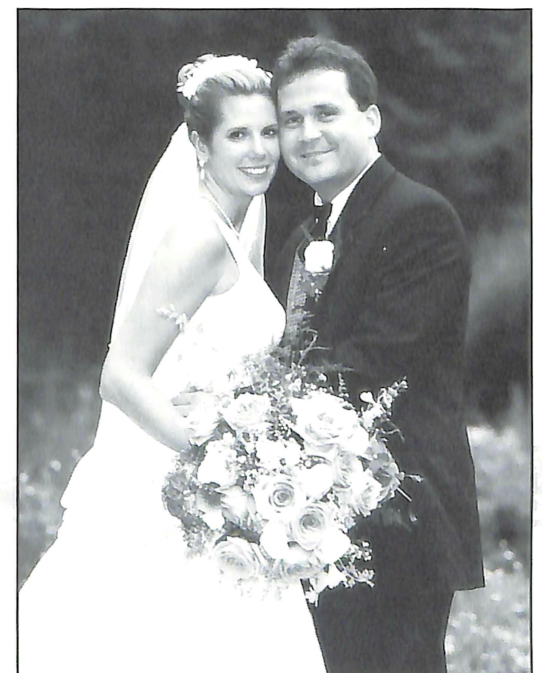
Jason Sakellar '97 and Melissa Hayden '99 on October 23.

Richard Brereton '98 and Denise Castillo '98 at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on September 12.

Amy Dube '98 and Christopher Berard at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on July 24.



Lisa McLaughlin and Philip J. Egan '94 are all smiles after their wedding Mass at St. Adelaide Church in Peabody.



Robert and Heather MacNeil Pfordresher '92

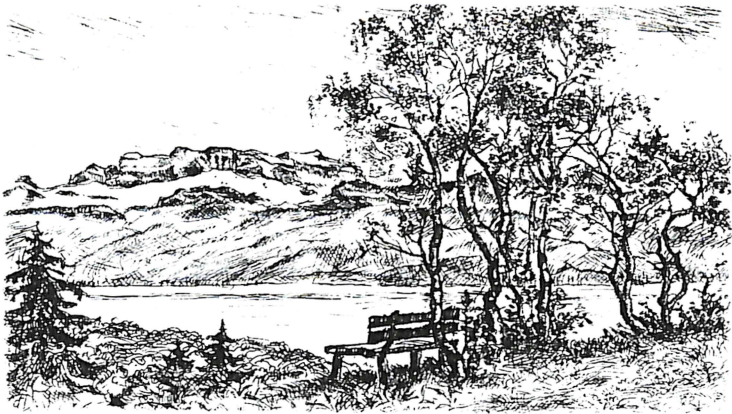
DEATHS

John H. Collins '51 of Wakefield, Mass., died August 14. He was 72. John was a Navy veteran of World War II and had been employed with the Ark Insurance Co. of Reading. He was the husband of the late Elaine (Gallagher) Collins. He is survived by two sons, John of North Reading and Brian of Mansfield; two daughters, Sharon Beals of Easton and Diane Meador of Wayland; two brothers, Robert of Taunton and James of Hilton Head, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Richard T. Fitzpatrick '52 of Laconia, N.H., died August 6. He was 72. A retired supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service, Richard was a Navy veteran of World War II. He enjoyed traveling around the world. He is survived by two sisters, Eileen Curran of Laconia and Josephine Lally of Pocasset; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and a great-grandniece.

Marlen P. (McAuliffe) Miller '57 of Palm Coast, Fla., and Moultonborough, N.H., died October 11. She was 63. She was a kindergarden and first-grade teacher at Arlington and General Donovan schools in Lawrence, Mass., for 20 years before retiring in 1990. She leaves husband Louis Miller; sons and daughters-in-law Dr. Mark Morrow and Valerie of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Hugh Morrow IV and Mary of Round Rock, Tex.; daughters and sons-in-law Elizabeth and Philip Towle of Hampton, N.H., and Victoria Morrow and Steven Turner of Santa Monica, Calif.; sister Claire Thom of Flagler Beach, Fla.; brother Daniel McAuliffe of Venice; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

John E. Valeri '57 of Lynn died October 7 after a brief illness. He was 73. He was a retired teacher, having taught at the Pickering Junior High School and at Lynn English High School, where he served as English coordinator for 10 years and as head of the English department from 1987 until his retirement in 1990. He was the assistant faculty manager at Lynn English, junior varsity baseball coach and assistant baseball coach at St. Mary High School and was elected head baseball coach at Lynn English. John was elected to



the first Lynn English High School hall of fame, was a member of the Wyoma Lions Club, the Bosox Club of Boston, the Lynn Teachers Union, and Lynn Administration Association. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary (Kirby) of Lynn; son John Jr. of North Attleboro; daughter, Julia El Assaad of Coronado, Calif.; two brothers, Francis and Ronald, both of Lynn; and two sisters, Virginia and Marie Cacciatore, both of Lynn.

Robert L. Kelly '58 of West Yarmouth, formerly of Chelmsford, died August 18. He was 72. He was the husband of Cecile (Proulx) Kelly, to whom he was married for 47 years. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He worked as a corporate policy analyst for Raytheon Co. in Lexington for 38 years. He was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Chelmsford. Besides his wife, survivors include a son, Robert Kelly Jr. and his wife Michelle of New Hartford, Conn; two daughters, Patricia Zulkiewicz and her husband Rick of Chelmsford, and Janet Walton and her husband Scott of Advance, N.C.; a brother, Raymond and his wife Shirlee of Fort Meyers, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Rose Marie J. Gallant '59 of Lawrence, died September 3, 1999 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She was 78. Rose was a registered nurse who worked as a school nurse for the Lawrence school system. She also worked at Lawrence General Hospital and Deaconess Hospital in Boston. She was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover and the Immigrant City Archives. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Claude Gallant; son Andrew of Sandown, N.H.; daughter Marybeth Gallant of Hudson; brothers the Rev. J. Fernand

Gallant, S.M., of Framingham and Richard Gallant of Cupertino, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Robert R. Seymour '64 of Fairfax, Vt. died on September 4 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was 59. He was employed at IBM as an engineer and departmental manager of the Failure Analysis Division for more that 30 years, until his retirement in 1995. He was a past member of St. Luke Church where he was a lector and co-director of St. Luke parish Youth Ministry. He was also a past Fairfax Boy Scout and Webelos pack leader. He was president of the Vermont chapter of Una Voce and editor of the Catholics United for the Faith newsletter. He was passionate in his study of religion, theology, and philosophy. Robert is survived by his wife, Joanne; two sons, Robert Jr. and his wife, Nancy, of Germany and John and his wife, Trisha, of Harlingen, Texas; three daughters, Suzanne Seymour of Westford, Mass., Renee Seymour of Austin, Texas, and Christina Schweter and her husband, Ryan, of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Henri and his wife, Frances, of Lawrence, and Joseph and his wife, Jo Ann, of Haverhill; two grandchildren; several nephews and cousins; and a special "adopted" son, Floyd McSweeney of New Jersey.

Ronald A. Shamberger '65 died August 30 at Vencor Hospital in Brighton following a lengthy illness. He was an industrial engineer at Compaq Computer. He attended St. Lucy Church in Methuen. A loving husband and father, he is survived by wife Rose (Mates); son, David of Cambridge; daughter **Lauren '91** and husband **Paul Giggey '91** of Andover; parents Alfred and Mary (Buika) Shamberger of Methuen; brother James of Londonderry,

N.H.; grandchild Ryan Giggey of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

Kenneth J. Walsh '67 of Shrewsbury, formerly of Hopkinton, died August 8 after an illness. He was a psychologist at Worcester State Hospital. He was a member of the American Psychological Association and Sigma Xi, a science honor society. He leaves his wife of 30 years, Kathleen (Meany) Walsh; a son, Kevin of New Haven, Conn.; a daughter, Maureen Walsh of Stillwaters, Okla.; two brothers David and W. Garrett, both of Waltham; and several nephews and nieces.

Richard A. Ritter '76 of Georgetown died on August 11. He was 52. He was a realtor with Prudential Real Estate in Methuen. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was a member of the Methuen VFW, the Erie 4 Fire Co. of Georgetown, Georgetown Kiwanis, Civil War Round Table Club of Newburyport, and the First Baptist Church in Methuen. He leaves his wife Geraldine (Minchin); mother Lucille (Feugill) Ritter of Methuen; daughters, Jennifer and Melissa both of Georgetown, and Tayna of Newburyport; brother David of Methuen; sister Marlana LeSage of Sandown, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

William F. Newell III '81 of Roswell, Ga., formerly of Peabody, Mass., died suddenly at home. He was 42. He was employed as an underwriter with Travelers and CNS Insurance Company. He is survived by his father, William Newell Jr.; sons, William and Kevin, both of Georgia; and two sisters, Catherine Keenan of Middleton and Patricia Labao of Salem. He was the former husband of Maureen (Beatrice) Newell.

Paul Laffin '84 of Hartford, Conn., died September 20. He was the associate director of residential services at St. Elizabeth Shelter in Hartford. Laffin was fatally stabbed by a mentally ill homeless man who had often taken meals at the shelter. Laffin had dedicated his life to community service. A story about his death in the *Boston Globe* said, "His car was a clunker. His apartment was a mess. He never made big money or commanded a large staff. But in the streetwise world in which he

operated, Paul Laffin moved mountains." He is survived by his parents, Margaret and Arthur Laffin; six siblings; several nieces and nephews; and numerous friends who will greatly miss his warmth and generosity.

John J. Greeley '86 of Lynnfield died on August 8 at a local nursing home after a lengthy illness. He was 80. He was a former vice-chairman of the Lynnfield Finance Committee. John was an accountant with the General Electric Company. He also worked at the West Lynn Plant for many years. He was the financial officer of the Linnehan Council of the Knights of Columbus and was a member of the "Spark Plugs," a West Lynn GE group, and the Thompson Quarter Century Club. John also served on the board of directors at the former Lynn Hospital and at Eastern Bank. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (McNiece) Greeely; a son, **James '71** of Andover and his wife Nancy; a daughter, Ann Marie Kieran and her husband James of North Reading; a brother, James of Lincoln; two sisters, Mary Greeley of Brighton and Sister Rita Greeley, Sisters of Charity in Wellesley; and seven grandchildren.

Timothy E. Shea '89 of Sutton, Mass., died July 8 after a lengthy illness. He was 33. Tim was president of his family's computer hardware company, The Pixelink Corp. He sold the Hudson-based company to Illinois' Richardson Electronics in early 1999. He was fond of outdoor sports. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Braun Shea of Sutton; his parents, John and Janice (Edwards) of Eastham; a brother, Michael of Plymouth; two sisters, Mary Flanagan and Ellen Byrd, both of Marshfield; his paternal grandmother, Helen of Worcester; and 11 nieces and nephews.

Mark R. Baxter '93 of Worcester died at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He was 28. He was a supervisor and case manager for Horace Mann Educational Associates in Franklin, where he worked since 1995. He was deeply interested in Celtic history and was a collector of U.S. Civil War memorabilia. He leaves his father, Robert, of Boston; his mother, Deborah (Lantiegne) Baxter, and brother Brian both of Northboro; his paternal grandfather, Lloyd Baxter of Worcester; his maternal grandmother Elvie Lantiegne of Rutland; uncles and aunts; and a close friend, Racheal Mars of Shrewsbury.

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Student Liaison

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die."

While I wouldn't directly link her words to your contribution to Merrimack, it's something to think about.

Now is the best time ever to increase your gift to Merrimack.

Merrimack has been awarded a \$600,000 Challenge Grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation for the construction of the college's campus center. The Kresge Challenge, in higher education philanthropy, is the equivalent of playing in the Super Bowl! An extremely prominent foundation, Kresge is very selective in its funding and supports only those colleges and universities whose enrollment is robust, its endowment healthy and growing, and fundraising capabilities strong. As alumni, we should be proud that our college has received this Challenge Grant, and we can show our pride in a very tangible way.

The challenge for Merrimack is to raise \$4.2 million in the next 18 months from new and increased gifts. Alumni who made a gift last year will be asked to increase their gift this year, and alumni who did not give to Merrimack last year will be asked for a new gift. The dollars raised from the increases and the new gifts will go toward the Kresge Challenge and help build the campus center.

The success of this very important challenge depends on the participation of our alumni body. I hope you will choose to be a part of Merrimack's growth. I also ask that you please spread this exciting news to your fellow alumni and encourage their support of this ambitious project.

As you read this issue of *Merrimack*, I know you will share my excitement with the new opportunities being presented to our students. Thanks to the generosity of fellow alumnus, Frank Girard '62, we will have a new business school, which will elevate Merrimack's academic standing and reputation in the national arena. International study has been more fully integrated into the curriculum, both in the business school and throughout the college. Our faculty continue to be leaders in their fields, as witnessed by the work of professors like Dr. Ellen Longworth and Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano. Other members of our faculty will participate in a unique program this spring break, tracing the intellectual journey of St. Augustine. So as you can see, it is not only our campus that is growing, but our academic programs as well.

As Merrimack's reputation, both regionally and nationally, grows in esteem, so grows the value of our diplomas. Be a part of the achievements of our college, and make a special contribution to the Merrimack Fund this year.

Sincerely,

Chris Liebke



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Chris Liebke '79

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